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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN DONORS' CONFERENCE: GERMANY STILL MULLING
AMOUNT OF ITS CONTRIBUTION

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Classified By: POLITICAL MINISTER COUNSELOR JEFF RATHKE. REASONS: 1.4 (B) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (C) Pol-Mil/External Chief delivered ref A talking points to MFA Afghanistan-Pakistan Task Force Director Ruediger Koenig on April 9 in a joint demarche with Japanese Political Counselor Ryo Nakamura and Pakistani Counselor Khayyam Akbar, stressing the importance of a generous German pledge in order to reach the \$4 billion target at the April 17 Pakistan Donors' Conference.

[1](#)2. (C) Nakamura presented Koenig with a copy of a letter from Japanese PM Aso to Chancellor Merkel, which encourages German ministerial-level attendance at both the conference and the preceding Friends of Democratic Pakistan (FODP) meeting, as well as the "announcement of a generous and new assistance package to Pakistan." Nakamura noted that the letter (e-mailed to EUR/CE and SCA/P) had been delivered earlier in the day by Ambassador Takahiro Shinyo to Chancellery National Security Advisor Christoph Heusgen. Akbar reinforced the desire for high-level representation by German FM Steinmeier and/or Development Minister Wierzbowski-Zeul at the April 17 events, noting that both President Zardari and Japanese PM Aso would be present.

[1](#)3. (C) Koenig confirmed that MFA Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Bernd Muetzelburg would lead the German delegation, which will also consist of Koenig himself, Muetzelburg Special Assistant Arend Wulff, MFA Pakistan Desk Officer Tobias Grothe and Development Ministry Office Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan Christiane Hieronymus. Koenig said that Germany considered the Donors' Conference and FODP to be extremely important, but that unfortunately, FM Steinmeier was "simply not available."

[1](#)4. (C) Post understands that MFA State Secretary Reinhard Silberberg told Deputy Secretary Lew in an April 8 telephone call that Germany would pledge \$200 million at the Donors' Conference, on top of the 80 million Euros that the German Development Ministry has already committed to Pakistan for [1](#)2009. Koenig, however, said he could not yet give a precise figure for Germany's contribution, saying only that it would be a "substantial" amount relative to Germany's economic weight and would consist of a mixture of humanitarian assistance, grants, loans and other traditional aid instruments.
Koenig